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SETTING UP OF VEGETARIAN RESTAURANTS IN WESTERN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Indian vegetarian snacks are becoming more and more attractive in western countries;

(b) if so, whether the Government have thought about any plan to export such snacks to these countries;

(c) whether the Government propose to involve businessmen in setting up chains of vegetarian restaurants in western countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Export of ready to cook products and snacks are already being undertaken to various markets including USA, UK and other European countries.

(c) & d) : The private sector is free to set up restaurant chains abroad. The Government has no specific proposals to involve businessmen in setting up chains of vegetarian restaurants in western countries.